



[Report Spice Use!]



[What is Spice?]

"Spice" refers to a wide variety of herbal mixtures that produce experiences similar to marijuana (cannabis) and that are falsely marketed as "safe," legal alternatives to that drug. Sold under many names, Spice contains dried, shredded plant material and chemical additives that are responsible for its psychoactive (mind-altering) effects.

Sometimes it is difficult to know when you should report a tip to the NCIS Text and Web Tip Line. Here are a few examples of when you should take action to help ensure the safety of your fellow service members. Remember you are not only helping the Department of the Navy, you are also potentially saving someone's life.

SCENARIOS

- If you see a fellow Sailor or Marine smoking Spice in your barracks, let NCIS know.
- If you have information that someone is selling Spice to Sailors or Marines, let NCIS know.
- If you know of service members going to someone's home to buy or use Spice, let NCIS know.

- If you hear a group of service members talking about going to a party where Spice will be available, let NCIS know.
- If you know of drug dealers who are targeting Sailors and Marines to buy or distribute Spice, let NCIS know.
- If you know of any activity related to Spice use or distribution, no matter how small, let NCIS know.

Sometimes it is difficult to do the right thing. Either out of embarrassment or fear, people fail to take action. The NCIS Text and Web Tip Line makes it easy for you to act. Help your fellow Sailors and Marines; help your Navy and Marine Corps... if you see something wrong, do something right!

To request this Spice briefing for your command, please contact the NCIS Crime Reduction Program at the following email address: requestabrief@ncis.navy.mil.

The Hazards of Using



Don't be CLUELESS about Spice.
See Something Wrong. Do Something Right.
REPORT criminal activity.

You will get caught...

Are you willing to throw away your honor and future as a Sailor or Marine? Nearly 400 Sailors were processed for separation in fiscal year 2011 because they made a choice to use a synthetic cannabinoid. Is getting high—even just once—worth everything you've worked for?

...and you don't get a second chance.



The NCIS mission is to investigate and defeat criminal, terrorist, and foreign intelligence threats to the United States Navy and Marine Corps, wherever they operate, ashore, afloat, or in cyberspace.

To learn how to submit a tip through the NCIS Text and Web Tip Line, scan the QR code with your smartphone.





[Why should Sailors and Marines avoid Spice?]

WHY DO SOME SAILORS AND MARINES USE SPICE?

- **Boredom.** They feel they have nothing else to do.
- They think it is a **legal high.** (It's not anymore!)
- To forget **personal issues.**
- **Experimentation.** They are curious and want to try it.
- **Peer Pressure.** Service members sometimes start using drugs because their buddies are doing it. They feel they have to look "cool" to their group of friends.
- **To be different.** Sometimes people use drugs to stand out. They want to be the first to do something, even if it could have a negative result. They are only hurting themselves, their family, their colleagues—and their future.

“NAVY POLICY ON DRUG ABUSE IS SIMPLE AND CLEAR—ZERO TOLERANCE. NAVY PERSONNEL DETERMINED TO BE UNLAWFULLY USING, POSSESSING, PROMOTING, MANUFACTURING, OR DISTRIBUTING DRUGS AND/OR DRUG ABUSE PARAPHERNALIA SHALL BE DISCIPLINED, AS APPROPRIATE, AND PROCESSED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION.”

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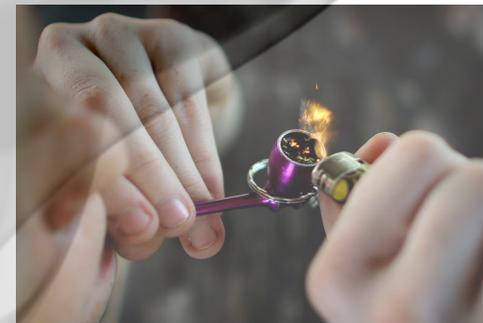


USING SPICE JUST ONCE COULD CAUSE:

- Seizures
- Heart attack
- Stroke
- Heart palpitations
- High blood pressure
- Hallucinations
- Tremors
- Tachycardia
- Flushed skin
- Excessive sweating
- Numbness or tingling
- Vomiting
- Loss of consciousness
- Unresponsiveness
- Agitation
- Anxiety
- Psychosis
- Dependence
- Overdose

HIGH RISK OF ADDICTION

Because of the unknowns regarding Spice abuse, it's like playing Russian roulette, not knowing what will happen when you pull the trigger—or light that Spice cigarette. Early research on synthetic cannabinoids shows that they are highly addictive, and users develop a tolerance quickly, which results in a high likelihood of dependency.



DON'T JEOPARDIZE YOUR FUTURE

When you use or distribute spice, you leave your future to chance. And the likelihood of success is zero. You should seriously consider the consequences of using synthetic cannabinoids—or any drug—on your physical, financial, and mental well-being.

CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY

If you try Spice even once, you could have such a severe reaction that you lose the ability to control your surroundings or even lose consciousness. When you are in such an incapacitated state, you become an attractive target to criminals, and you are more likely to be a victim of robbery or sexual assault.